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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

## Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the **Mooney Basin Project**, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit NEV98100 is:

Placer Dome America  
P.O. Box 2706  
Elko, NV 89803

The facility is located approximately 80 miles northwest of the town of Ely in White Pine County, Nevada within portions of, Township 23N, Range 58E, Sections 6 and 7; Township 24N, Range 57E, Sections 25 and 36; Township 24N, Range 58E, Sections 19, 29, 30, 31 and 32, and Township 23N, Range 57E, Sections 1 and 12, MDB&M. The project consists of open pit mining, associated waste rock dumps, a synthetically-lined leach pad for processing the ore, synthetically-lined process ponds, a process plant, haul and access roads, maintenance and ancillary buildings. The project is designed, constructed, operated and will be closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments or requests no later than 5:00 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following publication of this notice in the **Ely Daily Times** in Ely, Nevada to the:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
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All comments or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm1>.